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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Record

SUBJECT : Meeting with Dr. Wheelon, [redacted]
[redacted] and McMahon, vis-a-vis
OSP/SAS Relationship

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1. On 28 February, subject group met in Dr. Wheelon's office to discuss an apparent problem which had prompted our 10 January memorandum to ADW requesting that he define for us the role and mission of the Systems Analysis Staff, DD/S&T. I pointed out that the memorandum was prompted by a series of actions on [redacted] part in areas which we had felt were within our domain, at least to the extent that the actions should have been coordinated with us. I stated that the specific details of the events which had caused our inquiry were fuzzy to me at the moment; however, I did point out that [redacted] had gotten wind of our memorandum and had discussed with us his position. Following our talks, we seemed to agree that, as usual, the basic issue was one of communication and that we did not appear too far apart vis-a-vis each other's role in life. I indicated to Dr. Wheelon that the consensus of our discussions with [redacted] seemed to center about the agreement that OSP would do system analysis for those programs under our jurisdiction and that SAS would more or less be used in the community sense as was done in the [redacted] cost effectiveness program but then again in coordination with OSP.

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2. Dr. Wheelon asked us if we felt he should not have an independent source to take a critical look at programs in general. We hurriedly agreed that this was certainly his prerogative and one which should make him sleep better at night, but we did ask him to agree with the principle that the Systems Analysis Staff would in

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no way get into the details or designs of our systems. Dr. Wheelon made it clear that he desired to have a Systems Analysis Staff whose responsibilities would cover community-wide efforts. He assured us, however, that SAS would in no sense be a technical IQ so to speak, nor would he want it involved in the technical details of our programs. He stated that SAS should in no way restrict OSP from doing everything it is now doing in the system analysis sense. He also stated that he did not wish SAS to engage in any conversations outside the Agency on our programs without prior coordination with OSP, and, should [redacted] ever find himself engaged in a conversation wherein his comments could be construed as a CIA position, then he should check back with Dr. Wheelon or OSP for terms of reference. Dr. Wheelon further stated that SAS will get each assignment personally from him and that OSP would be well advised to insure good communications between [redacted] and ourselves.

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3. We assured Dr. Wheelon that we could foresee no particular problems under such ground rules and that we would indeed keep the communication channels open. Dr. Wheelon commissioned [redacted] to set up a meeting a month from now with the same participants to see how our relationship with SAS is going.

/s/ John N. McMahon

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